Why Women?

Women's Health and Status, and Afghanistan's Future

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Frankly, I've never understood why we give a damn whether a girl goes to school in Afghanistan or not.

That's not a national interest of the United States.

It's no interest to the United States.

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Former-CIA

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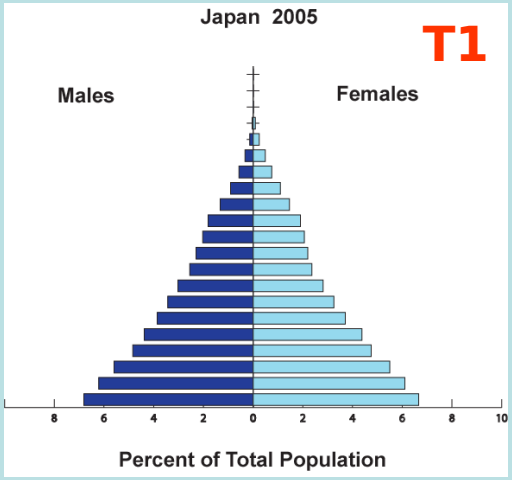
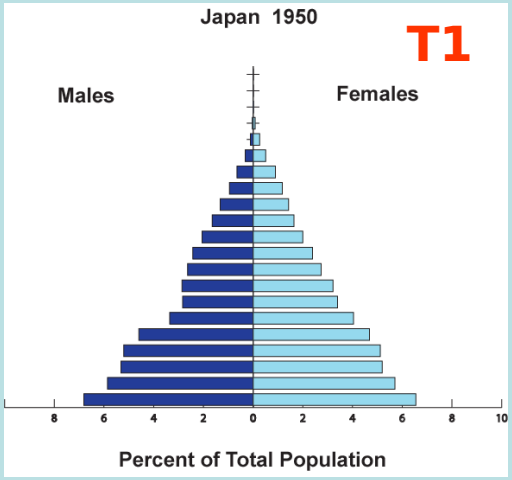
Cartoon by: John Deering, Arkansas Gazette, 2001

1935



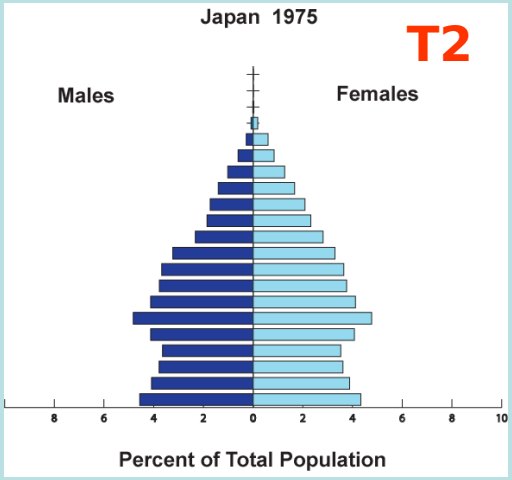
69 million

1950



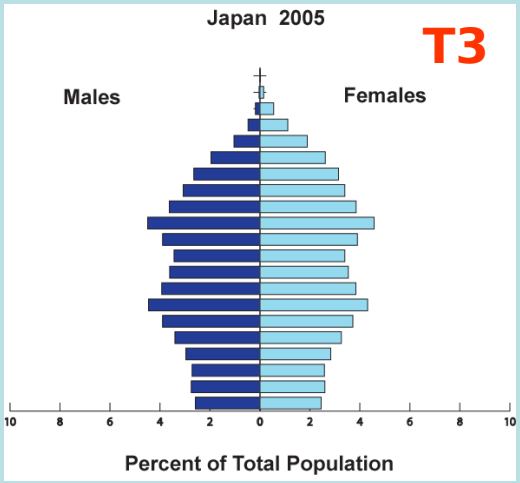
83 million

1975



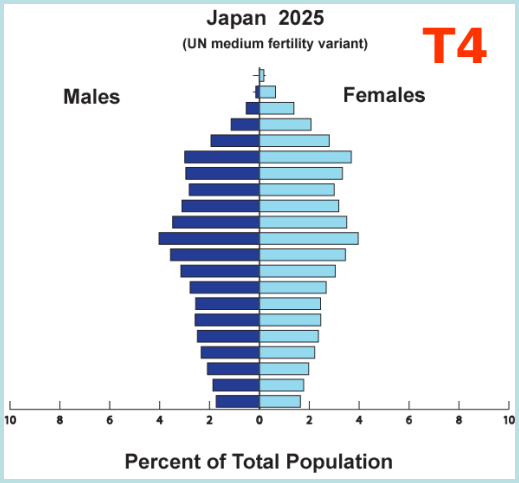
112 million

2005



128 million

2025



122 million

Data: N. Ogawa, 2002

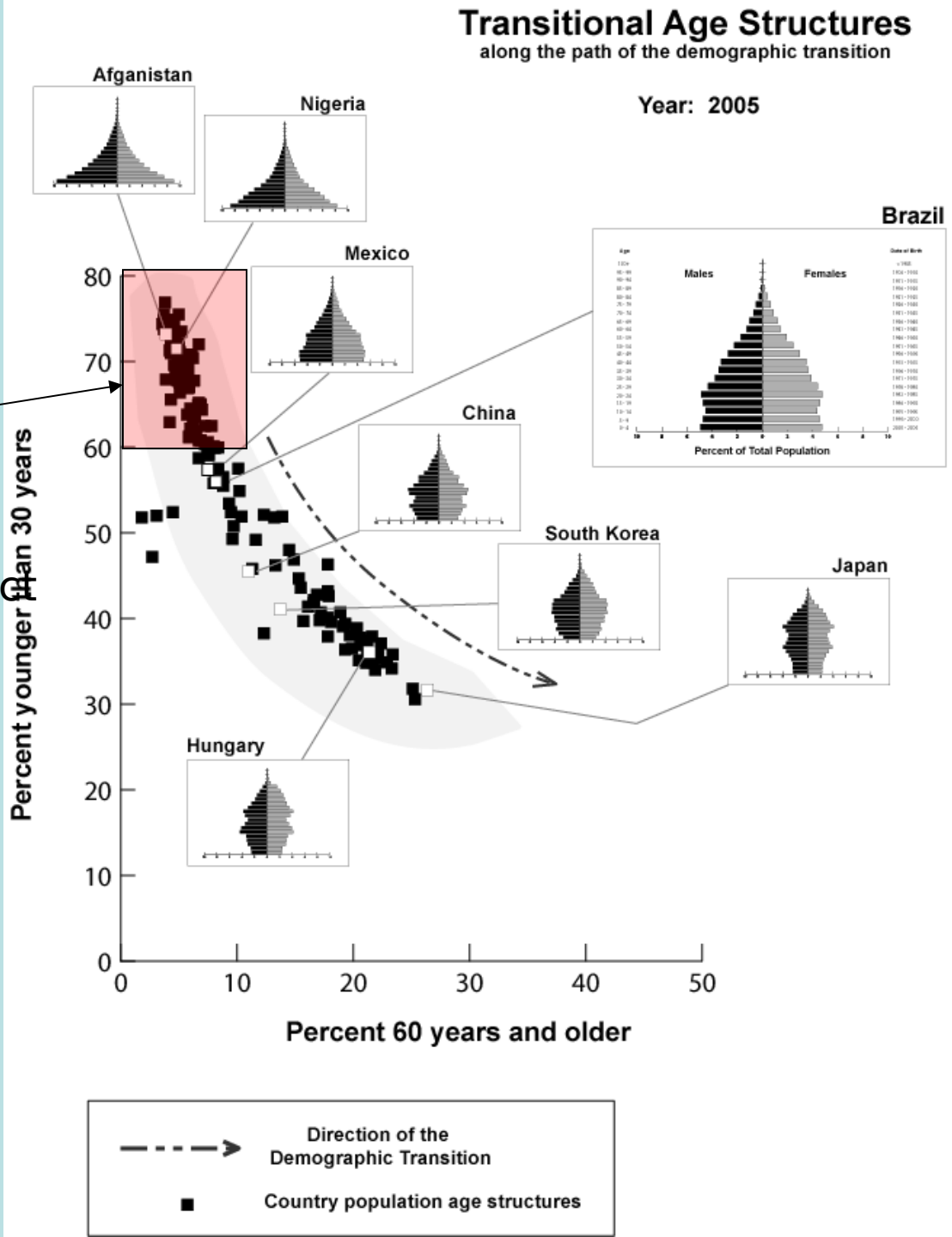
Transitional

Population age structures

2005

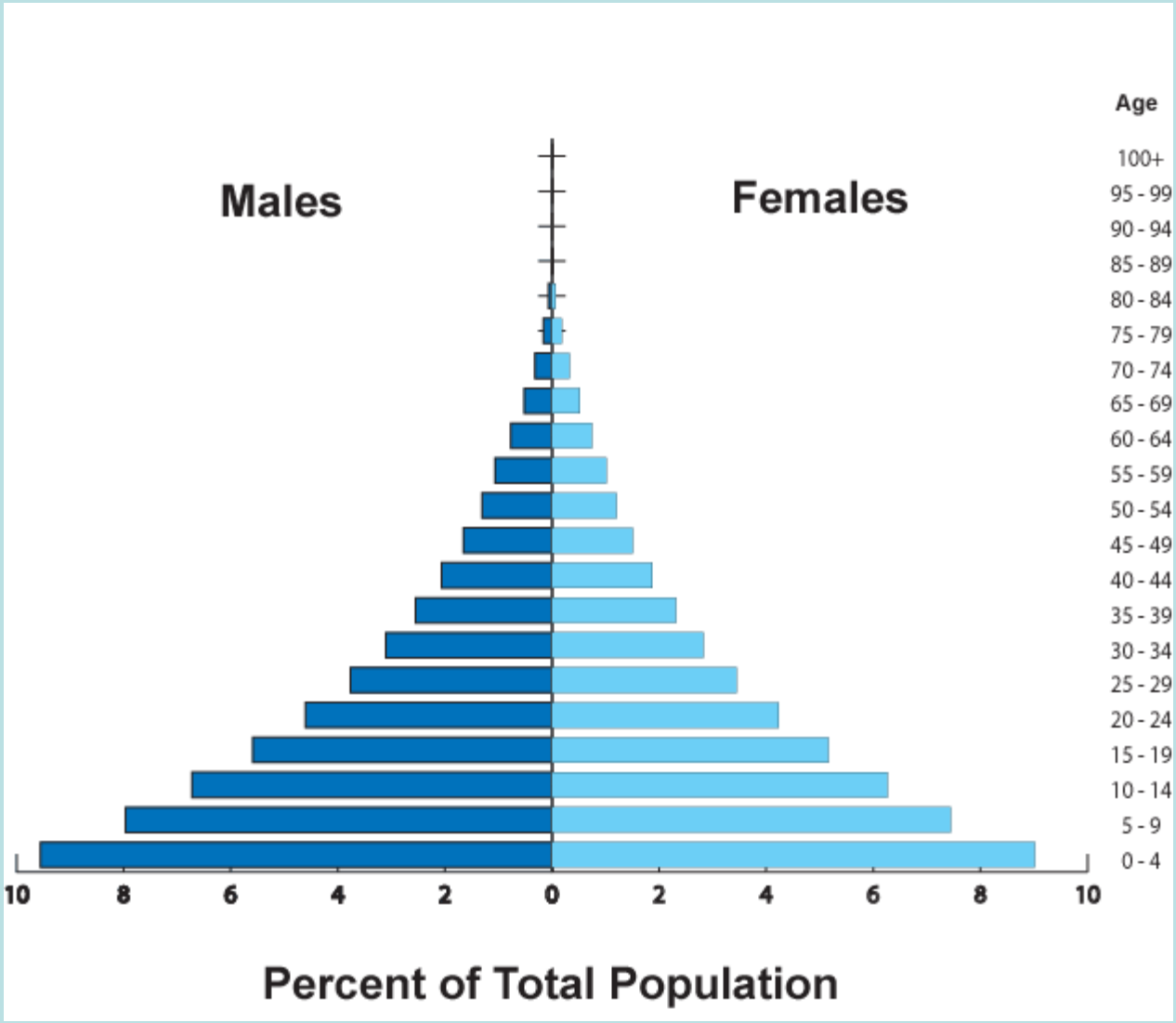
Zone of instability:

- high risk of the onset of armed civil conflict
- high risk of losing liberal democracy



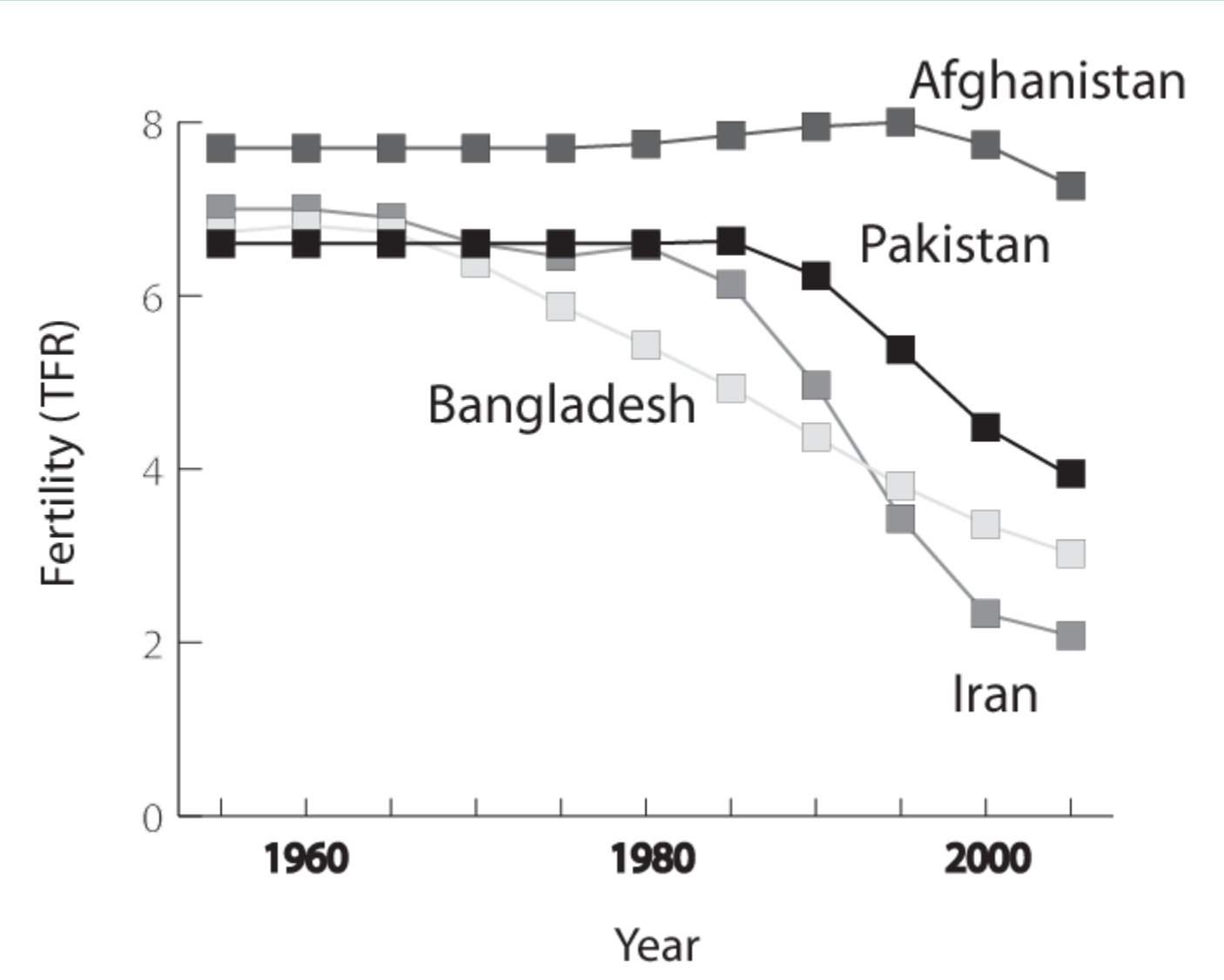
Data: UN Population Division, 2007

Afghanistan 2009

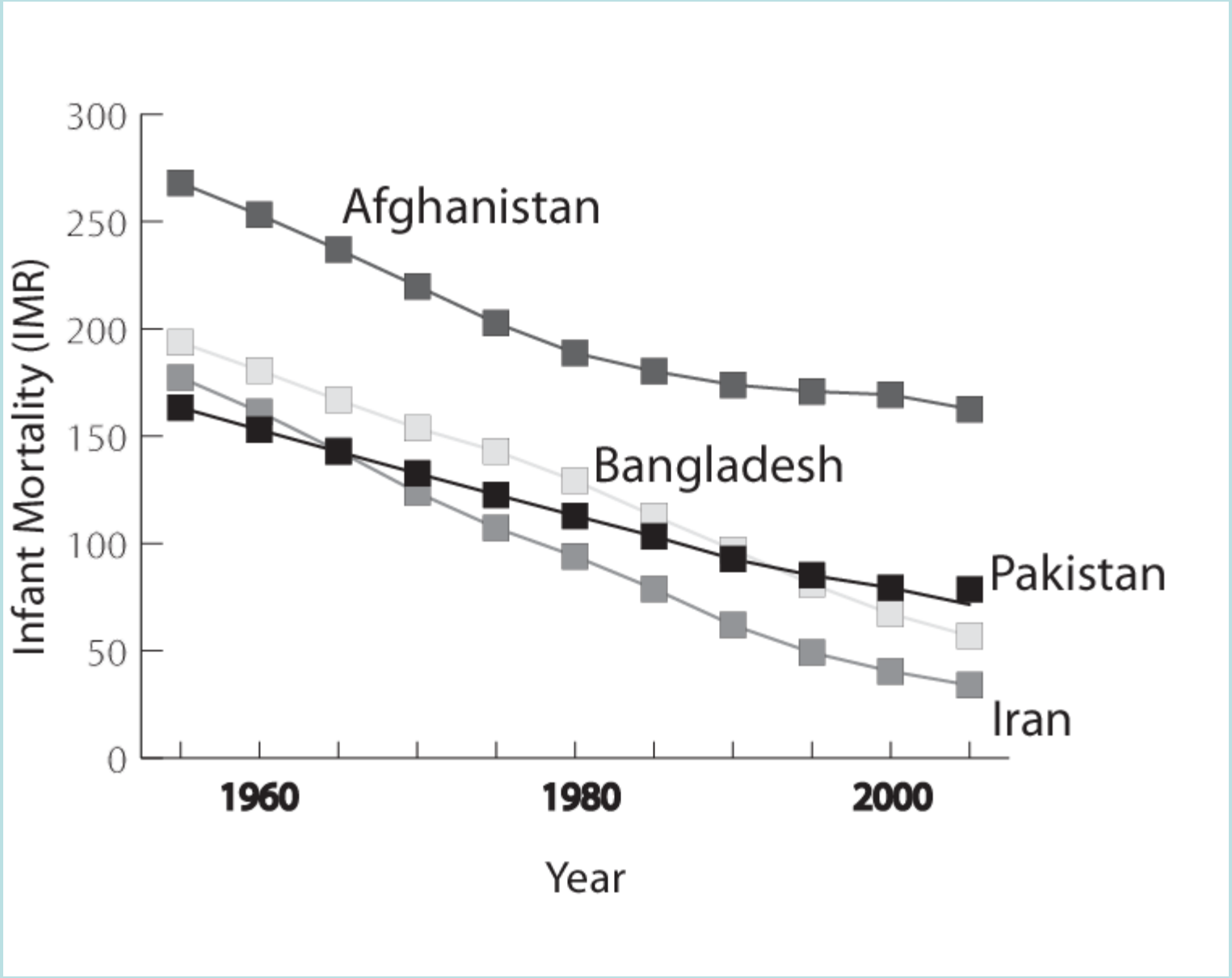


Population: ~29 million

Fertility


Afghanistan
Pakistan
Bangladesh
Iran
Fertility (TFR)
8
6
4
2
0
1960
1980
2000
Year

Infant mortality



Afghanistan: Maternal mortality rate

Battle related deaths, 2007: **~ 7000**

Small Arms Survey, 2008

Maternal mortality, 2005: **~ 20,000**

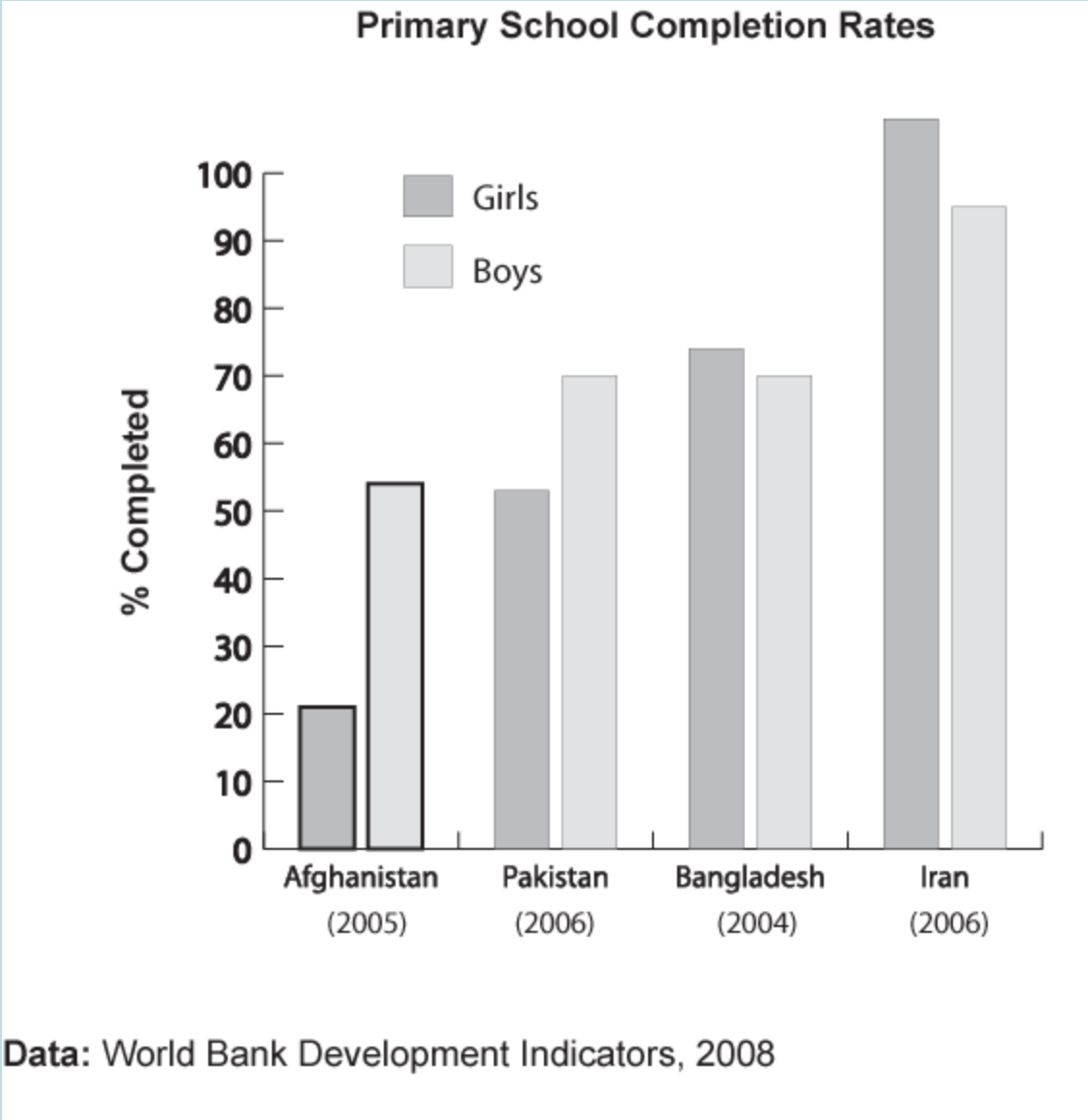
WHO, 2007

1 in 8 lifetime deaths from pregnancy and childbirth related causes (WHO, 2007)

to **1 in 10 lifetime deaths** (USAID statistics)

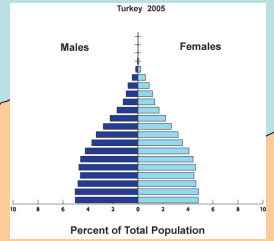
USA: 1 in 4800 (WHO, 2007)

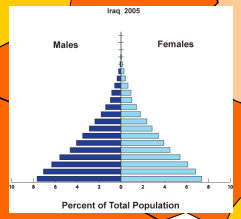
Afghanistan and neighbors

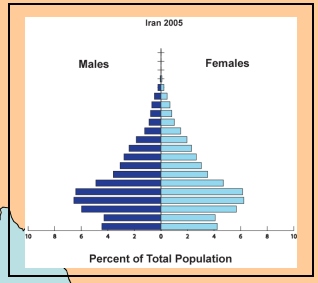


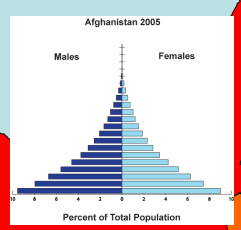
Data: World Bank Development Indicators, 2008

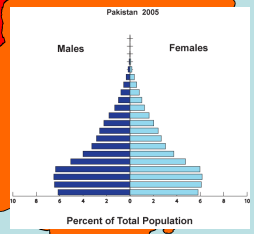
Afghanistan's age-structural neighborhood

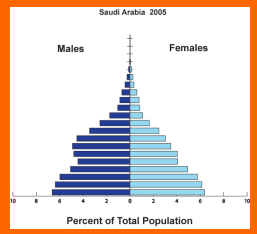








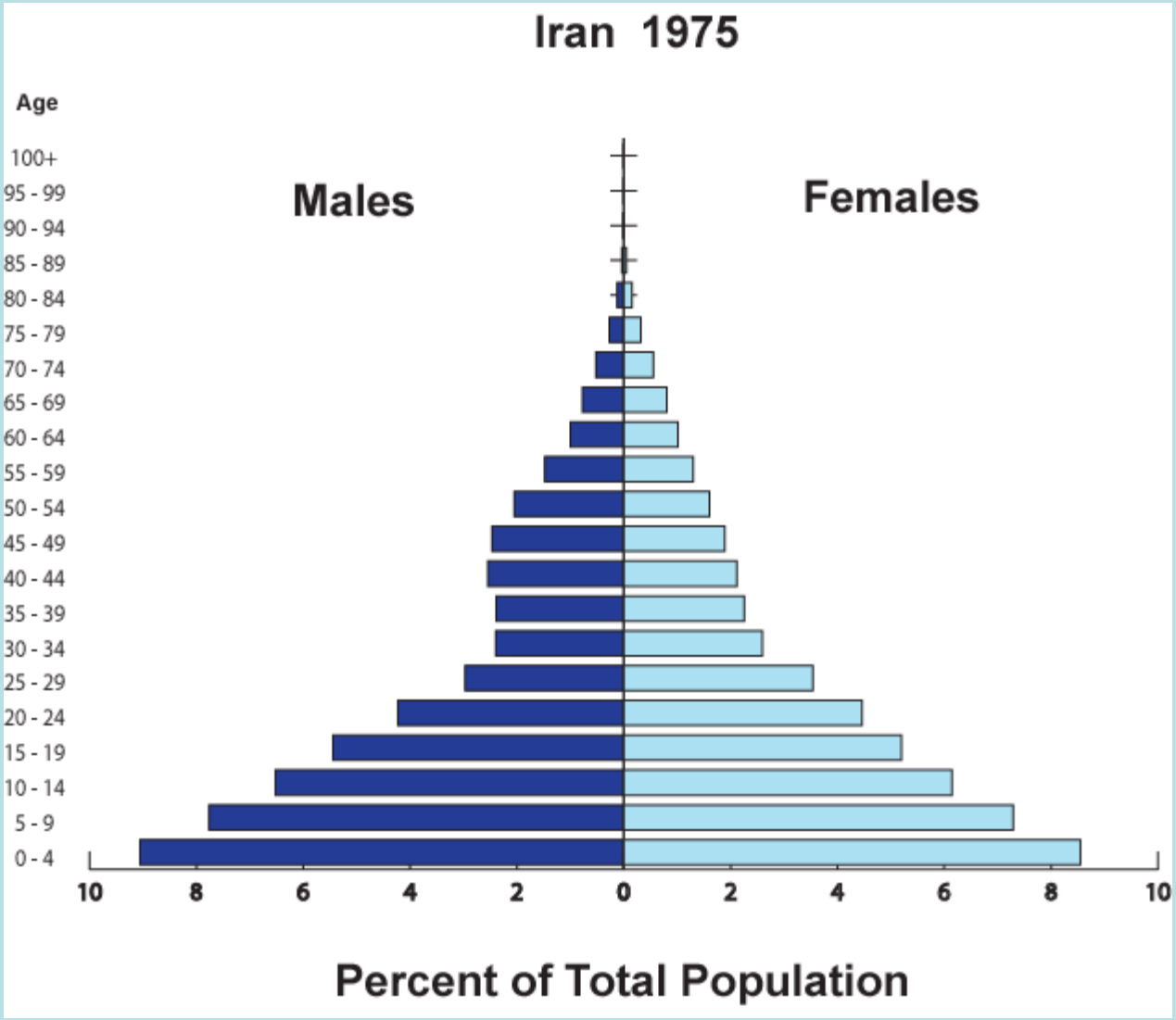




Fertility: children per woman

- More than 4.5
- 3.5 – 4.4
- 2.5 – 3.4
- 1.7 – 2.4

Fertility Data: UN Population Division, 2007


Iran 1975
Age
Males
Females
100+
95 - 99
90 - 94
85 - 89
80 - 84
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40 - 44
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25 - 29
20 - 24
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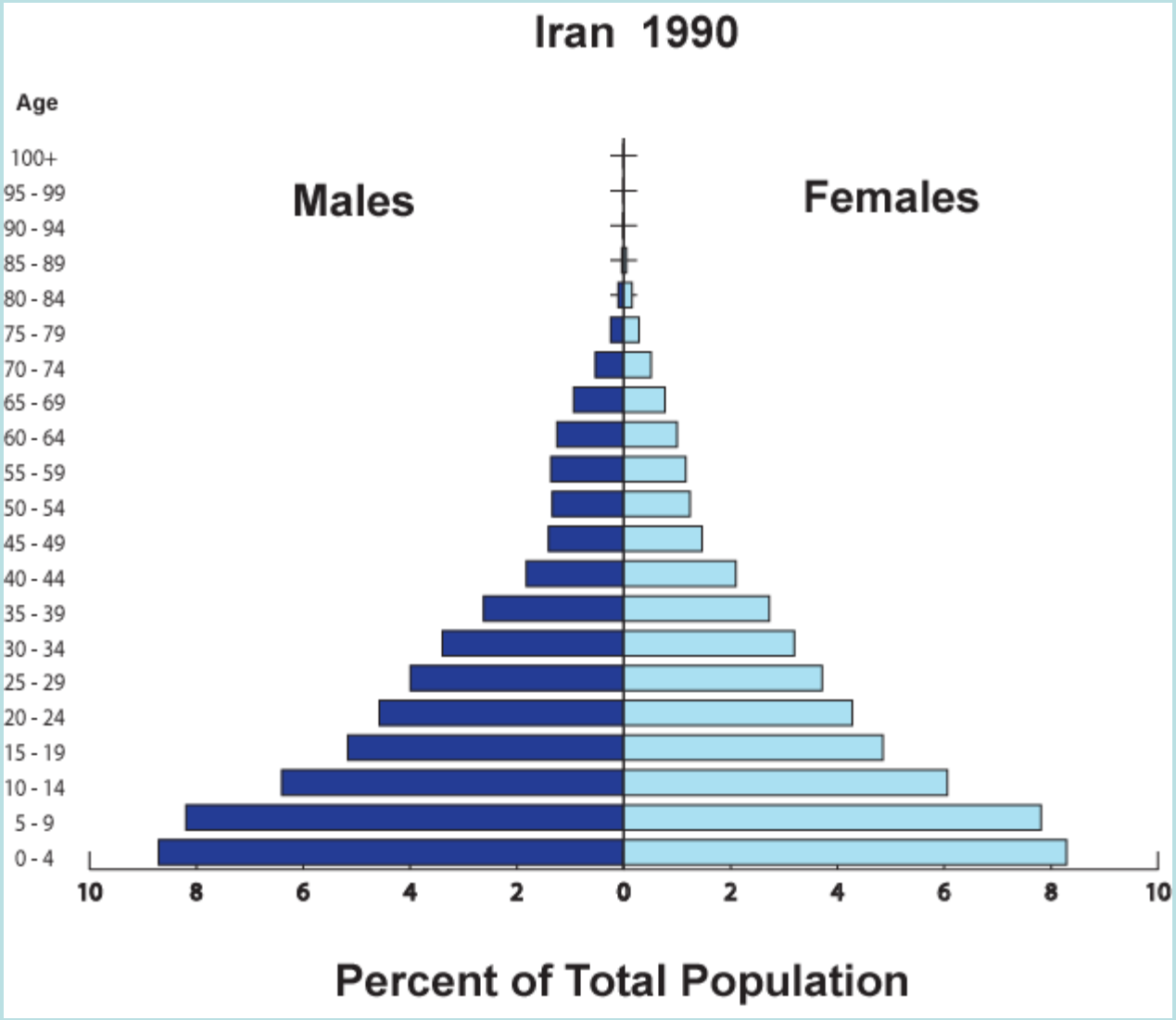
Percent of Total Population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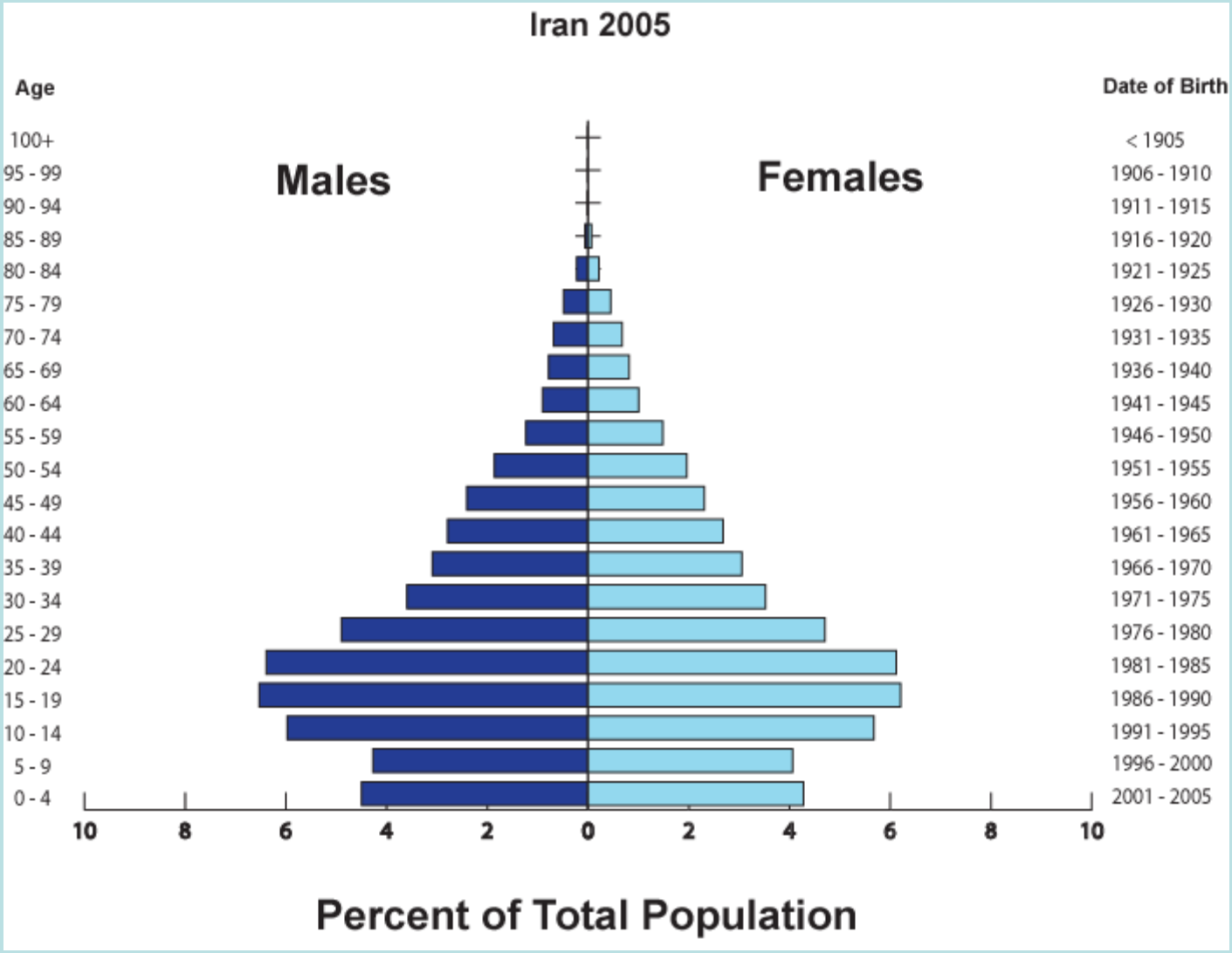
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Females
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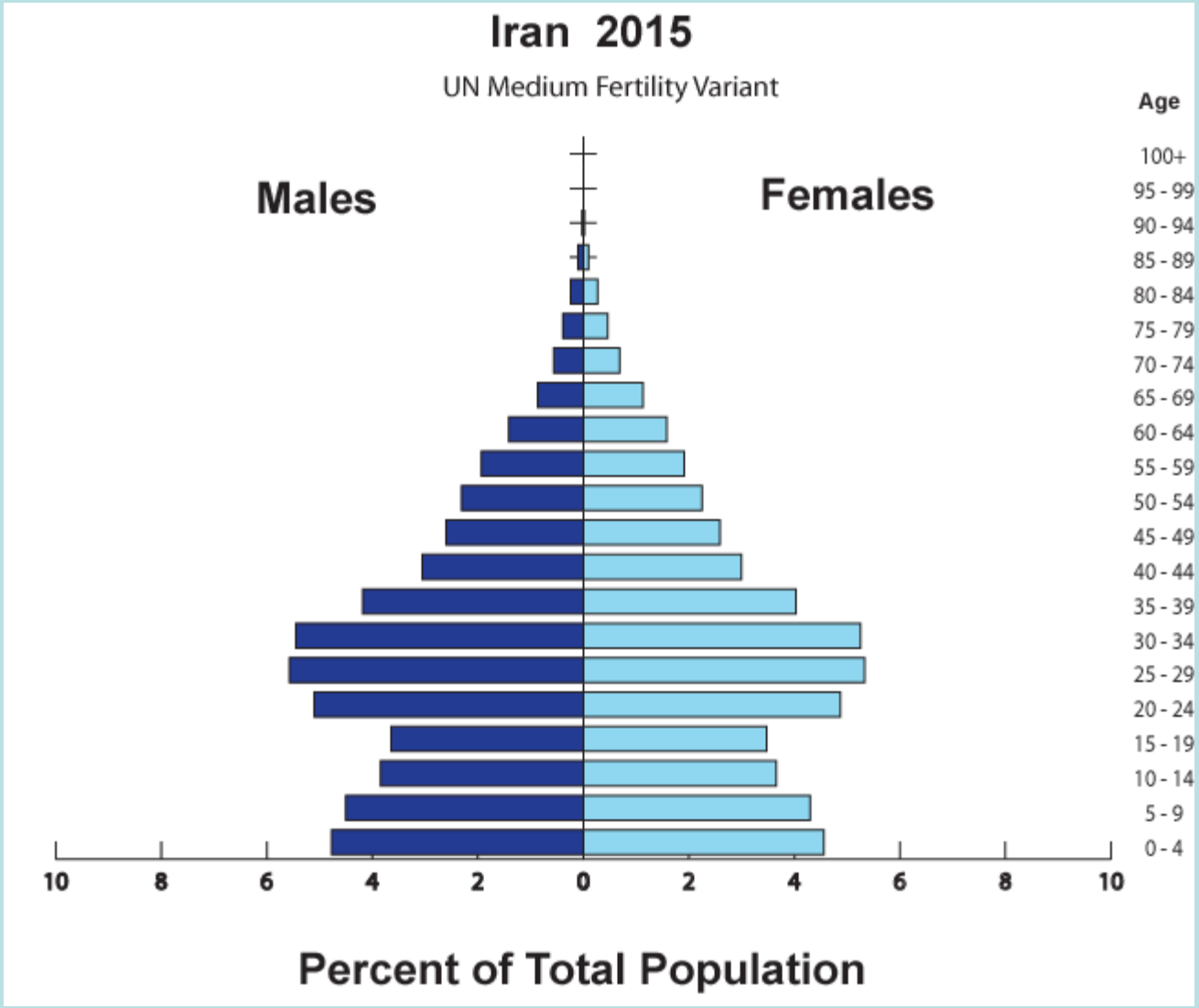
Percent of Total Population


Iran 2015
UN Medium Fertility Variant
Males
Females
Age
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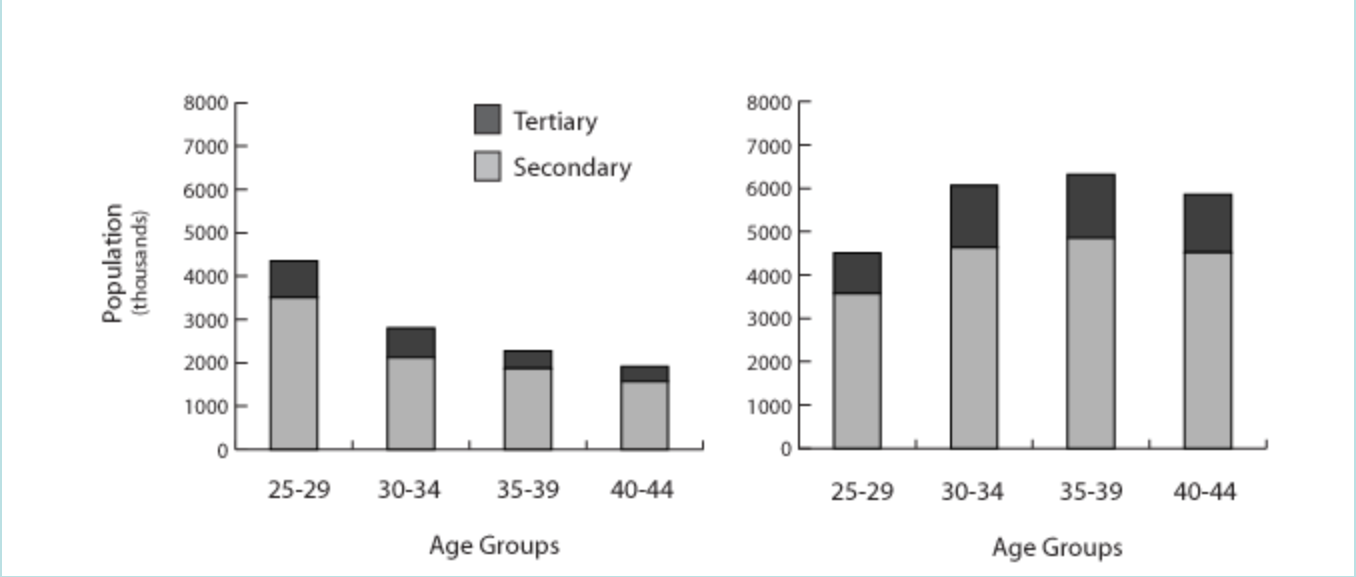
Percent of Total Population

IRAN

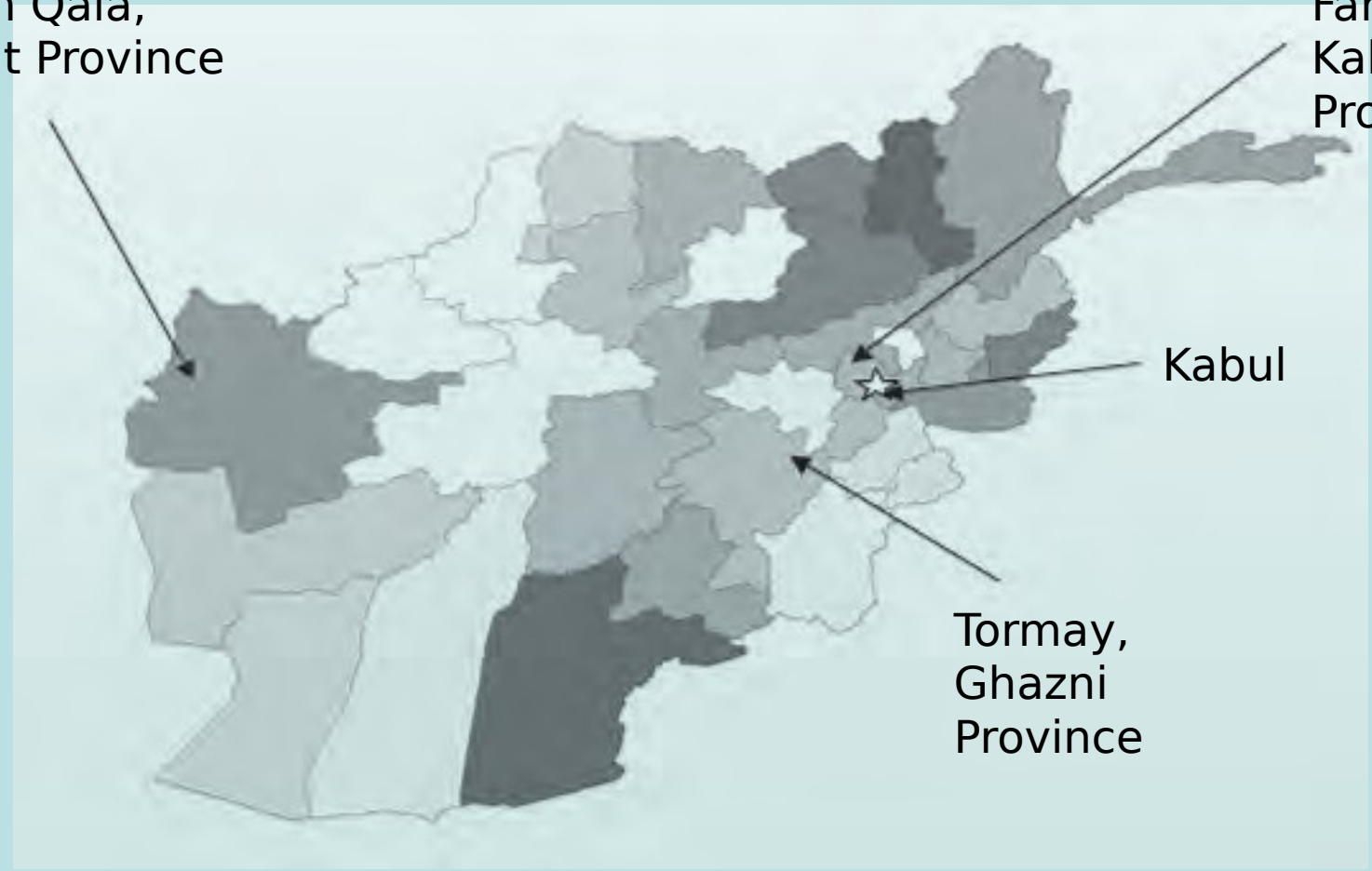
Tertiary & Secondary Educated Population

2005 & 2025



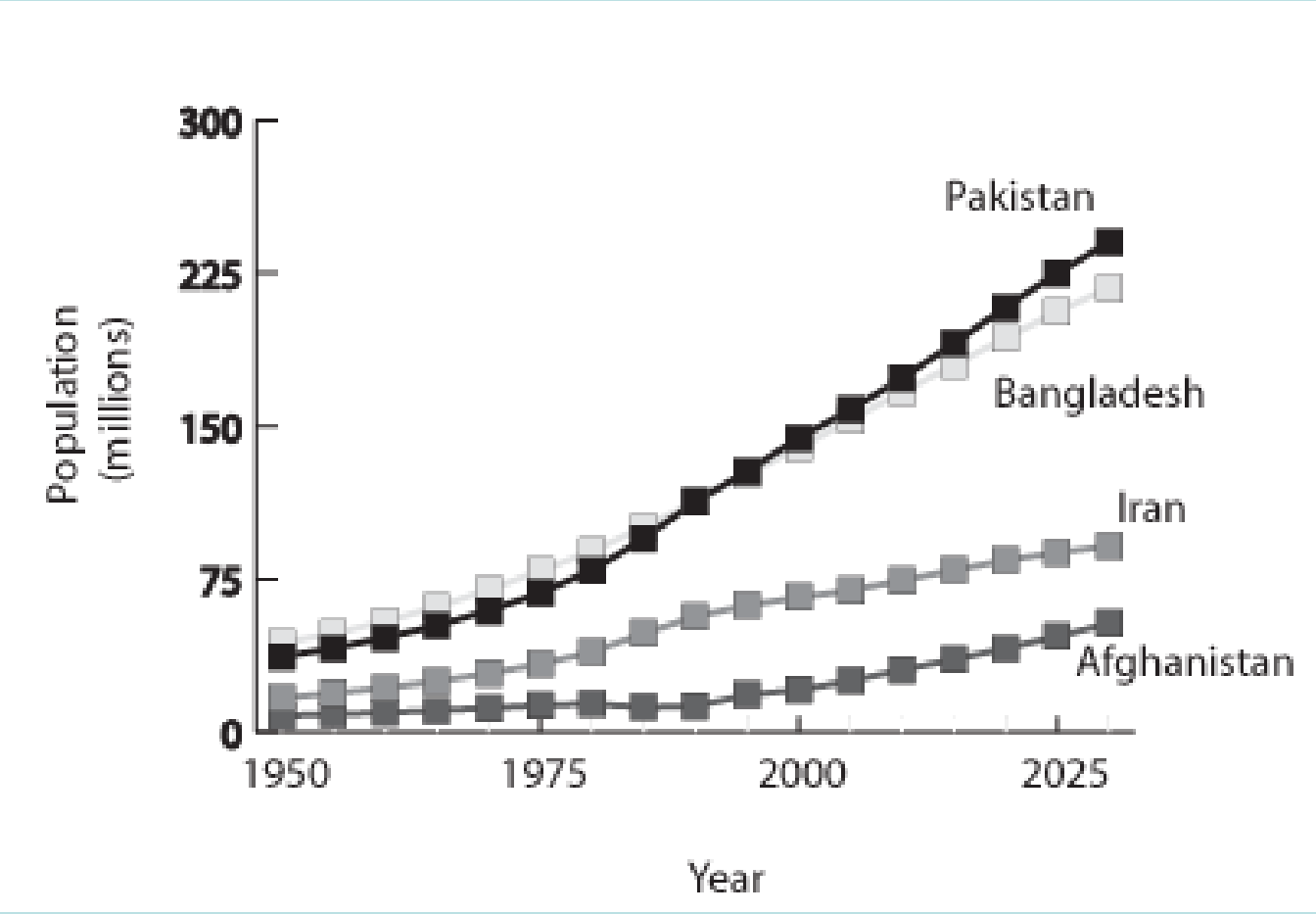
2005 **2025**

Accelerating Contraceptive Use Project (2004-06)



Source: Management Sciences for Health, 2007

Population


300
225
150
75
0
Population (millions)
1950
1975
2000
2025
Year
Pakistan
Bangladesh
Iran
Afghanistan

Afghanistan

Current Population (2009): ~29 million

Projected Population (2025): ~45 – 49 million (UN Population Division, 2007)

Current fertility rate (2005-10): ~7.0 children per woman (UNPD, 2007)

Annual additions to primary-school-eligible population (ages 5 to 10)
(over next 5 years): ~700 thousand children

Primary schools (or equivalent classrooms) needed
(400 students per school) over next 5 years: complete and staff 1 school per day

War death, 2007: ~6,200 direct battle-related deaths (Global Burden of
Armed Violence, 2008)